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THE

MAIL.



PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING, AND WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE "HONGKONG EVENING MAIL."

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1868.

日七初月三年辰戌治同

Price, \$24 per
Annuit.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Hol-
born Hill, E.C.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally:—WHITE & BAKER, San
Francisco.
CHINA:—DRAKE & CO., Canton; THOMAS
WILLIAMS & CO., Foochow; THOMAS
WILLIAMS & CO., Shanghai; H. WOOD & CO., Mac-
ao; C. KAROLY & CO., Macao.

New Advertisements.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, until further
orders, the *China Mail* and *Overland China
Mail* will be the official medium of all
Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic
Majesty's Consulate at Canton.

British Consulate, Canton, April 16, 1868.
D. B. ROBERTSON, Consul.

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Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic
Majesty's Consulate at Amoy.

British Consulate, Amoy, April 22, 1868.
R. SWINHOE, Consul.

Arrivals.

Mar. 28. Everest, Brit. ship, 571. Clarke.

New Advertisements.

W. P. MOORE
RETURNS his sincere thanks to the Pub-
lic in general for their generous pa-
tronage of late, and feels quite proud that
his humble efforts are so highly appreciated.
He is ever to be found at the old Stand,
Corner of Peel Street and Queen's Road,
where he will hold himself in readiness to
serve any Gentleman who may feel the ne-
cessity of carrying on business operations
in this country.

SEALED TENDERS (in Duplicate),
marked "Tenders for Bills," will be
received at this Office until Noon on
Wednesday, 3rd April, for Bills on
the Consular Account of Her Majesty's
Consulate, Calcutta, 1868, drawn on
Shilling, in exchange for current Dollars of
the United States at 7.17, or almanac one mill
more than the current exchange.

Bills on London will not be drawn for
sums under £1,000, and on Calcutta under
Rupees 10,000.

The accepted Tenders will be at once no-
tified to the respective parties by letter, re-
questing them to lodge the amount to the
credit of the Commissariat Account at the
Oriental Bank Corporation, where a re-
ceipt will be given, on production of which at
this office the Bills will be issued.

Particular attention paid to settling Ra-
tors.

Hongkong, February 4, 1868.

C. J. VOLKMANN,
Private Boarding Establishment.

29, HOLLYWOOD ROAD,
HONGKONG.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

MRS. VINTON'S PRIVATE FAMILY
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT,
Hollywood Road, next door to the HOTEL
DE EUROPE.
Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

A CARD.
THE Undersigned begs to say to his Pa-



NORTH AMERICAN STEAM-
SHIP CO.

OPPOSITION LINES.

FROM

SAN FRANCISCO

TO

NEW YORK

VIA PANAMA AND NICARAGUA.

THE N. A. S. S. CO. will despatch regu-
larly by both of the above Routes,
their elegant and commodious Steam-ships
"ORISSA," Captain HALL, with
Her Majesty's Adults, Passengers, Speed, and
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,
on WEDNESDAY, 8th April, at 7 A.M.

"CARIBO" and "PAROELA" will be received
on board until Noon, and "SPECULUS" until 4
P.M. on the 7th April.

For particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES
ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route
is required by the Egyptian Government, and
must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com-
pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold
themselves responsible for any detention or
prejudice which may happen from incorrect-
ness on such declaration.

The Office of the Company is 103, Battery
Street, N.W., Corner of Pine St., up-stairs,
where for further information, apply to
J. W. RAYMOND,
Agent,
San Francisco, Dec. 4, 1867.

Steam Tugs.

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 ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
 bourne and Sydney.SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
 generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San
 Francisco.

CHINA.—Swaton, Drown & Co., Amoy.

Giles & Co., Foochow, THOMSON &
 Co., Shanghai, H. FOG & Co., Ma-
 nila, C. KARUTH & Co.

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 India in Council, Calcutta, both at 36 days'
 sight, in exchange for current Dollars of
 Hongkong at 7.1.7, or number one clean
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 sums under £1,000, and on Calcutta under
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 questing them to lodge the amount to the
 credit of the Commissariat Account at the
 Oriental Bank Corporation, where a re-
 ceipt will be given, on production of which
 at this office the Bills will be issued.In order to save time, it is requested that
 the sets of Bills required may be detailed in
 the margin of the Tender, and it is partic-
 ularly requested that the Tenders may be in
 duplicate.REDMOND UNIACKE,
 Dep. Commiss. Gen.

Controller's Office, Commissariat,

Hongkong, March 30, 1868.

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ARRIVALS.

Mar. 28. Everett, Brit. ship, 371, Clarke,
 Liverpool, Dec. 8, General.—HUMAN & Co.Mar. 29. Apie, H. I. M. in-boat, 200,
 Andria de Nereia, Saigon, Mar. 17.

Mar. 29. Mirega from Whampoa.

Mar. 29, at 10 a.m., Wilhem, Bremen
 barque, 266, F. Ulrich, Chefoo, Mar. 21,
 General.—MELCHERS & Co.Mar. 29. Erl King, Brit. steamer, 1,644,
 J. Pinel, Shanghai, Mar. 26, General.—A.
 HEARD & Co.

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT WATMORE will assume
 the duties of Secretary to the UNION
 INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, on the 1st
 of April, 1868.

By order of the Directors.

O. L. WILLIAMS,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, March 26, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED
 the Interest of the "WANCHI STEAM
 BAKERY," begs to inform the Public of Hong-
 kong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to
 furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD in
 various forms, to any part of the Colony.Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at
 low rates constantly on hand or baked in
 quantities at short notice.Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar
 BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.Also Corn and Rye MEAL, HOMINY,
 CORN STARCH, BICARB. SODA, Sal-
 tatre and Cream TARTAR.FLOUR of best brands constantly on
 hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or
 Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the Superintendence
 of MR. JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders
 forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at
 Messrs THOS. HEST & CO. will receive
 prompt attention.

L. P. WARD.

Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

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Passenger.

Per Erl King.—The Right Revd. Lord
 Bishop of Victoria and Revd. Mr Vaughan
 Messrs Coote and Berwick; Mrs Terry and
 133 Chinese.

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Shipping Report.

The British ship Everett, from Liverpool,
 reports fine weather, crossed the Equator on
 28th Dec. in long. 27° W.; passed the
 meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 23rd
 Jan. in lat. 45.20 S., under Java Head on
 23rd Feb.; up the China sea, the first part
 of passage had light winds and calms and
 strong S.W. current, the latter part fresh
 N.E. wind until arrival in Hongkong on
 28th Mar. at 7.30 A.M., 110 days out. On
 12th Feb. spoke the Dutch barque Adelaar,
 bound from Newcastle bound to Yokohama,
 90 days out; on 10th Mar. spoke the
 British barque Henry Darling, from Singa-
 pore bound to Hongkong, off Direction Is-
 land, 10 days out.The Bremen barque Wihlde, from Che-
 foo, reports fine weather and light N.E.
 breeze till Formosa Channel; from thence
 had strong N.E. wind and heavy seas and
 thick weather and rain till arrival in Hong-
 kong.The Brit. steamer Erl King, from Shanghai,
 reports the first part of the passage
 fresh N.E. monsoon and thick rainy weather,
 the latter part moderate monsoon and fine
 weather. Passed the S. S. Douglas off
 Kwantung Island, and a steamer supposed to
 be the Sowando off Jank head. On 26th
 March passed the French steamer Phœbe,
 from Yokohama.The Phenix, Brit. ship, left Milford on Octo-
 ber 6th; strong gales until clear of the
 Channel. Sighted St. Agnes October 8th;
 fine weather to the Equator, which was
 crossed on November the 7th. Light winds
 to the meridian of the Cape; strong West-
 erly breeze from thence to St. Paul's Is-
 land, which was sighted January 1st. Made
 Sandalwood Island, February 1st. Light
 winds from thence until received Pilot on
 board. March 17th, at daylight, Saldies
 bearing S.W., distance about 12 miles.
 Arrived at Woosung March 19th. Unable
 to cross the Bar, draft of ship 20 feet.
 Spoke the following vessels—December
 12th, Lübeck barque China, from Cardiff for
 Rangoon, and barque Pompero, from Ham-
 burg for Shanghai.—(Harbour Master's Re-
 turns.)A Private Room, Large Airy Billiard
 Room, and Piano, for the recreation of
 Visitors.The undersigned hope by supplying none
 but first-class articles, and by strict atten-
 tion to business, to merit a share of the
 public Patronage.

F. FRANCIS & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE above Hotel is now open, where
 Families and Gentlemen can find su-
 perior accommodation.

Private Rooms for Dinner parties.

Breakfast from 9 to 10 A.M.

Tiffin " 1 to 2 P.M.

Dinner at 7 P.M.

X. E.—The Public Bar will be open on
 Saturday, the 7th instant.CHAS. S. DUGGAN,
 Manager.

Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

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MAILS will be
For SWATOW,
Per "FORM
1st April.

MAILS by the
The Contract
dispatched
Europe, the
8th April, will be
open
newspapers
on the 7th April,
posted in the
7th April
Letters post
the 8th April
addition to
late fee of
The latest time
Office is
Books, or
April.

Further late
dressed to
Marseilles
posted on
to 6:30 A.M.
of 48 cents
postage, after
received.

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Books.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—GEO. F. HARD, Esq.

W. H. FOSTER, JR., JULIUS MENKE, Esq.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., JAMES B. TAYLOR,

SOLON D. SASOON, Esq.

A. JOST, Esq.

WILLIAM LEMANN, JAS. P. DUNCANSON,

Esq.

Managers.

Hongkong, VICTOR KRESSER, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Shanghai, DAVID MACLEAN, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

O N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate

of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily

balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the

chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House,

No. 1, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

Books.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.—\$750,000.

IN 1,500 SHARES of \$500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS at ABER-

TEER and WHAMPOA are in full

working order, and the attention of Ship-

owners is respectfully solicited to the ad-

vantages which these Establishments offer

for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.

The following description of the Premises

is submitted for the information of the

Public.

ABERDEEN DOCK.

DOCK No. 1.

Built of GRANITE.

Length, 330 feet.

Breadth, 80 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 "

do. Neap Tides, 16 "

NEW DOCK, No. 2.

Built of GRANITE.

Length, 400 feet.

Breadth, 90 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24 "

do. Neap Tides, 21 "

This Dock is now under course of con-

struction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.

DOCK A.

Built of GRANITE.

Length, 550 feet.

Breadth, 80 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16 1/2 ft.

do. Neap Tides, 15 "

This can be used either as one or two

Docks.

DOCK B.

Built of GRANITE.

Length, 340 feet.

Breadth, 60 "

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 "

do. Neap Tides, 15 "

The above are the largest Docks in China

and they are fitted with every appliance in

the way of Caissons, powerful Steam Pumps,

etc., to ensure safety and despatch in work.

DOCK C.

Built of Wood.

Length, 260 feet.

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14 "

do. Neap Tides, 11 "

Fitted with Caissons and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.

Length, 164 feet.

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12 1/2 "

do. Neap Tides, 9 1/2 "

D. and E. are Mud Docks available for

small vessels, at very low rates.

DOCK E.

Length, 120 feet.

Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11 "

do. Neap Tides, 8 "

D. and E. are Mud Docks available for

small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.

The Workshops on the Premises, both at

Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every

appliance necessary for the Repairs of Ships

or Steam Machinery. The Engineer's Shops

are supplied with Lathes, Planing, Srew-

ing, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c.

—capable of executing work on the largest

scale, and Blacksmith's Shops are equally

well supplied with plant, and the work is

entirely carried on under the Supervision of

experienced Europeans.

Powerful Lifting Shears stand on a Jetty

alongside where vessels can lie in 24 feet

water and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.

BOILERMAKERS' DEPARTMENT.

The company in addition to executing

Repairs are prepared to tender for supply-

ing new Boilers to Steam-ships for con-

structing which they have great facilities.

FOUNDRY.

Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships

or general purposes, are executed with the

utmost despatch.

STORES.

The Company's Stores will (when re-

quired) supply at moderate rates all the

necessaries for Shipwork, such as Paint,

Copper, Canvas, &c., &c.

STEAM TUG.

The Company's powerful Steam Tug

(one 100 Horse-power nominal) is always

in readiness to tow Sailing Vessels from

Hongkong to the Dock free of charge, and

will take them back to Sea at reduced

Rates.

For further particulars, apply at the

Office of the Company, 1 Queen's Street,

Hongkong.

JOHN S. LAPRAK,

Secretary.

N. B.—The Consignee or Master of any

Vessel seeing reason to complain of the work

done in the Docks, or in any way respecting

the Dock arrangements, should address the

Secretary on the subject—when their com-

plaints will receive the immediate attention of

the Directors of the Company.

Hongkong, October 13, 1868.

AGE	WITHOUT PARTICIPATION	WITH PARTICIPATION
15	£3 10 8	£4 5 6
20	4 8 8	4 9 4
25	4 8 2	4 14 2
30	4 13 11	4 10 9
35	5 0 0	5 6 2
40	5 8 0	5 14 1
45	5 17 11	6 4 6
50	6 11 7	6 18 3
55	7 11 1	8 0 4
60	8 16 0	9 8 7

N.B. Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents, Hongkong, September 8, 1864.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposal, &c., apply to AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Managing Agents in China.

Hongkong, June 1867.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON. Incorporated 1860.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

At AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Managing Agents in China.

Hongkong, June 1867.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine insurance on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, June 1867.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STEELING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STEELING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in any one Risk, either at this Port, or at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Fuchau, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates and of whom all useful information may be obtained on application to ADAM SCOTT & CO., Agents, Hongkong, May 22, 1867.

GUARDIAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent. Other Dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their

POST-OFFICE Notifications.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.—
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—
Per "FORMOSA," on Wednesday, the
1st April, at 30 a.m.

MAILS BY THE "O.H.J.S.I."

The Contract Packet "O.H.J.S.I." will be
dispatched with the usual Mails for
Europe, &c., on WEDNESDAY, the
8th April, at 7 A.M., and the Post Office
will be open for the reception of Ordin-
ary Letters, Letters for Registration,
Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M.
on the 7th April; Letters, &c., may be
posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on
the 7th April until 5 A.M. on the fol-
lowing morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on
the 8th April will be chargeable, in
addition to the usual postage, with a
Late Fee of 16 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this
Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers,
Books, or Patterns 5 P.M. on the 8th
April.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) ad-
dressed to the United Kingdom via
Marselles or to Singapore, may be
posted on board the Packet from 6.30,
to 6.50 A.M. on payment of a late fee
of 48 cents each, in addition to the
postage, after which no Letters can be
received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence
of Box Holders will be received at the
window set apart for the purpose, on
the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which
postage is compulsory must be prepaid
in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Inadequately-stamped Letters addressed to
the United Kingdom will be sent on,
charged with a line of One Shilling in
addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. on the 8th April
will not be forwarded unless the Late
Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped
addressed to places to which they can-
not be forwarded unpaid, will be open-
ed and returned to the writer as early
as possible, but no guarantee can be
given that such Letters, if posted after
9 P.M. on the 7th April, will be returned
until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the
upper right hand corner of the corre-
spondence, except in cases where they
may be used in payment of "Late Fees,"
when the stamp or Stamps representing
the late fee should be placed on the
lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dol-
lar will be conducted in the Coins pres-
cribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and
the Proclamation of the 22nd January,
1864, and no other Coins, but those
therein specified will either be received
or given in change as fractional parts
of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made
in the current Dollars of the Colony or
Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
Hongkong, March 15, 1868.

NOTICES OF FITTING.

NOTICE.—
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C.
SAUNDERS will undertake the Business
of my Marine Surveying at this port.
J. J. DIXON,
Marine Surveyor,
Foothow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.—
WITH reference to the above, the
business hitherto carried on by
H. J. DIXON, Esq., at Foothow will be
conducted by the Undersigned.

J. C. SAUNDERS,
Chap. Min.,
Pagoda Anchorage,
Foothow.

Foothow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.—
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
W. A. STRICKLAND in our Firm ceased
yesterday by lapse of time.

BOYD & CO.,
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.—
I HAVE established myself at this port as
General Commission Merchant, under
the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER
& CO.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER,
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.—
THE interest and responsibility of Mr.
W. C. VAN OORDT in our firm ceased
on the 1st January, 1868.

BOYD & CO.

Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.—
I HAVE this day established myself as a Ge-
neral Commission Merchant, under
the style of VAN OORDT & CO.

(SD) W. C. VAN OORDT,
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

NOTICE.—
M RYLE HOLME has been admitted
a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & CO.,
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.—
AS my Engagement ceases in May next,
all outstanding Accounts for the past
Two Years must be sent in immediately for
payment.

MARY HASTELLOW RANDLE,
Superintendent,
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.—
MR. THOMAS PYKE has this day been
admitted a Partner in our Firm.

BIRLEY & CO.,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.—
NOTICE is hereby given that the Inter-
est and Responsibility of the late Mr
C. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th
September last.

The Business will in future be carried on
by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name in
Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.

JAMESON & BARTON,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.—
MR. JOHN CLARK,
Architect and Civil Engineer,
Member, Institute of Civil Engineers, Lon-
don; and Fellow, Royal Institute
of British Architects.

Apply to

Offices—3, Alexandra Terrace,
Hongkong, March 23, 1868.

JOHN S. LAPRAIK,
Secretary,
Consignee or Master of any
vessel, or in any way respecting
the subject—when their com-
munity, or the immediate attention of
the Company.

October 13, 1868.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased
on the 1st day of December, 1867.

A. FERGUSON & CO.,
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.

ROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F.
BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the
Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this
Port.

S. L. PHELPS,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the
1st day of November, 1866.

A. FERGUSON & CO.,
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

NOTICE.

HE Business will be henceforth carried
on under the same Name by the
Undersigned.

A. D. MITCHELL,
J. D. MEYERS, and
HENRY FEHRS.

Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

NOTICE.

Y Business, as Ship and Insurance
Broker, Commission Agent, &c., hitherto
carried on by myself, will henceforward be
conducted under the style or Firm of J. S.
HOOK, & CO.

J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. MURRAY FORBES is autho-
rized to sign our Name at Canton from
this date.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to
sign our Firm per procuration from
this date.

DEACON & CO.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
ELDRED HALTON in our Firm ceased
on the 30th June last, and Mr. JAMES PER-
DEE DUNCANSON was admitted a Partner
on the 1st July.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
J. H. LADD from the Colony, Mr. T. CUSHING
LADD is authorized to sign our firm per pro-
curation.

LADD & CO.,
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

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DEACON & CO.,
CANTON, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

AN OFFICE with Godown and Com-
pradore's Room.

W. to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & CO.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

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M. R. JOHN HOW CHEVERTON is au-
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ALFRED WILKINSON & CO.,
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LADD & CO.,
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

TO BE LET.

THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at
present occupied by Mr. N. R. MASSON.
Occupation can be had in a few weeks.
Application can be made to Mr. MASSON at
the Albany.

Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

TO LET.

THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly
occupied by Messrs. AHNHOLD, KAR-
BERG & CO., consisting of Dwelling House,
Offices, and spacious Godown.

Possession to be had on the 1st March.

Apply to JOHN BURD & CO.,
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

TO LET.

TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on
Marine Lot No. 63.

Apply to GAVIN THOMPSON,
at GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES on Carlton Terrace,
Spring Gardens, with or without Godown,
rent moderate.

FOR SALE		FOR SALE		FOR SALE		FOR SALE		New Advertisements.	
2,242	Pieces OREGON PINE LUM- BER, from 1 to 6 inches thick, measuring 98,564 feet.	YON SAUSAGES in best condition.	EX MAIL STEAMER.	JULES MUMM & Co.'s GHAMPAGNE.	SHANGHAI SHEEP.—A few very Prime Sheep, can be seen on board the Barque "SAUCIA."	SHIPPER.	W. B. WITBROG,	New Advertisements.	
172	Pieces OREGON PINE DECK PLANK, measuring 6,042 feet, now land- ing from ship "Belvedere."	Assorted French CONFETIONARY.	YON SAUSAGES in best condition.	MUMM & Co.'s HOCK & MOSELLE,	Hongkong, March 30, 1868.	Cap	Captain.	New Advertisements.	
Apply to,	RUSSELL & Co.	Malgas RATSINS in bottles and tins.	CHILLINGWORTH'S SHERRY and PORT.	qts. and pts.	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG- KONG, IN BANKRUPTCY.			New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	Match 23, 1868.	ALMONDS in shells.	CHAMBERTIN, WHISKEY.					New Advertisements.	
NOTICE.		PEEL ALMONDS in tins.	WHITE & PATER'S BRANDY.					New Advertisements.	
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.		BLONDE FIGS in tins.	ALLSOPP'S ALE, draught and bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SMOKED POMERANIAN GOOSEBREASTS,	BARCLAY & GUINNESS'S STOUT.					New Advertisements.	
THE Hull CELESTIAL, as she now lies at Aberdeen, in good order, well found, and suitable for a floating store or residence.		Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS,	BRIDGES & SONS PORTER.					New Advertisements.	
For particulars, apply to	JNO. S. LAPRAIK, Secretary.	Superior GOOSEBREASTS,	ROB. S. WALKER & Co.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	March 16, 1868.	Superior GOOSEBREASTS,	Hongkong November 20, 1867.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	FOR SALE.	JULES MUMM & Co.'s GHAMPAGNE.	SHANGHAI SHEEP.—A few very Prime Sheep, can be seen on board the Barque "SAUCIA."	SHIPPER.	W. B. WITBROG,	New Advertisements.	
DENTETIC BAEL, the new DIET, so highly recommended by the Faculty to those suffering from derangement of the Digestive Organs. Can be purchased from		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.	MUMM & Co.'s HOCK & MOSELLE,	Hongkong, March 30, 1868.	Cap	Captain.	New Advertisements.	
Geo. GLASSE,	The Victoria Dispensary	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.	qts. and pts.				New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	December 10, 1867.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
THE desirable PROPERTY on Queen's Road, lately occupied by Messrs SMITH KENNEDY & Co.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
For further particulars, apply to	SMITH, ARCHER & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	September 2, 1867.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
100 Barrels PRIME PORK and 100 barrels MESS BEEF.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Apply to	SMITH, ARCHER & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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MUNIZ' Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. and NAILS.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Apply to	HOLLAND, WISE & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	June 14, 1867.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
A SMALL Lot of Superior Old PORT WINE, Th. Cy. Sandeman, Oporto.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Fine Dry MADEIRA.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Fine CHAMPAGNE, COGNAC,		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Various Superior Hungarian WINES.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	August 2, 1867.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
20,000 CUBIC FEET MANILA TIMBER, to arrive per French Barque "MARIA MORTON."		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Apply to	REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	February 26, 1868.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, com- plete.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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25 IRON Water TANKS, of 400 gallons each. Apply to		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
R. W. W. Very Superior DRY SHERRY in 2 d.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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Apply to	MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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150 CASES Martinoz' Aromatic BIT- TERS, superior quality.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
100 cases SULTRY.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
100 " PORT.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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GOOD INVESTMENT FOR THE OPEN PORTS IN JAPAN.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE AT INVOICE COST.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
A GERMAN Printing Establishment, quite new, containing one Cylinder Press, made in Hamburg, a small hand Press, a great quantity of Fancy and run- ning Types, wrought iron chests, &c., complete, in every respect. Delivery may be had at once. Invoice price \$2,000.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
For particulars, apply to	C. A. SAINT, or to DE SOUZA & Co.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	March 6, 1868.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
2 BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Address "A," Office of this paper.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
Hongkong,	December 31, 1867.	SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
FOR SALE.		SHERRIES in bottle.	SHERRIES in bottle.					New Advertisements.	
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PEIER WITBROG,
Captain.

March 23, 1868.

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March 25, 1868. lap

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Agence des Services Mar-

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F. W. MITCHELL.

Postmaster General.

Office,

March 30, 1868.

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S. H. Hook & Son & Co.

PARTURES.

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THE SALT PLAIN OF ABYSSINIA.

(From *Edin. Weekly Review*.)
Three days hard travelling over a rugged and barren country, where it was difficult to obtain provisions, brought Mr. Coffin to the edge of the great salt plain—from which he says, all Abyssinia is supplied with salt; but it appears he did not know of the great Salt Lake of Assal, to the south-west of Tejura, which is the source of supply for the southern provinces of Showa.

In the hot moon of this salt plain, which is about ten miles broad and forty or fifty long, is a burning place. The rays of the sun are reflected with intense heat from the salt, and the glare is almost blinding. It is then difficult, if not impossible, to cross during the heat of the day. But when Mr. Coffin passed in January it was the wet season in the lowlands, and rain fell almost incessantly. The edge of the Salt Plain resembled mud, and the passengers sank so easily that it was dangerous to pass over. Mr. LeFebvre, in his narrative, says that beneath a portion of the salt is a deep lake, and that sometimes caravans break through the crust, and men and camels sink, and are seen no more. He did not see the place, because on account of the intense heat he was unable to reach it, but gathered his information from the natives. Though native stories, which are full of tales of evil spirits haunting the Salt Plain and destroying passengers, and of enchanted buildings which disappear with those who incautiously enter them, are not very reliable, it is probable there is a lake in the vicinity of, and running under a part of the plain, and that the salt is produced by evaporation, as is the case at Lake Assal. Mr. Coffin mentions a precaution taken in crossing the salt which we have not seen alluded to elsewhere. The Arabs who make the passage manufacture sandals from the leaves of a dwarf species of palm, and these are worn to protect the feet of travellers.

On the western side of the plain Mr. Coffin saw some Abyssinians procuring salt. The mass of the salt presents on the surface the appearance of rough ice which has been snowed over and then subjected to frost; but in some places branches of pure salt—in form something like coral—appear on the top. The layers vary from two to three feet in thickness. The Abyssinians use adzes, with which they cut out blocks in size and shape something like the stones used by mowers to sharpen their scythes. These blocks being used to season food, form a cumbersome sort of money of small value—each piece, in ordinary circumstances, being worth twopence-halfpenny or threepence. In extraordinary circumstances, they attain a much higher value; not as money but for use as a necessary condiment. Thus Mr. Rasmussen in a recent letter writes that the soldiers of Theodore at Debra-Tabor almost cut off from communication with the surrounding country, were giving as much as a dollar for each block.

The Salt Plain appears to divide the Dancali or Dancali Arabs on the east from the territory of Abyssinia. To the west, as far as the mountains, the people are Arabs; but they have been conquered by the Abyssinians, and are subject to the ruler of Tigre. A few hours' journey to the west of the Salt the country is described as a fertile plain.

The pass into the highlands is marked in Keith-Johnston's map as at Fisico, or as Mr. LeFebvre spells it, Fisico; but it seems there are at least two roads. In a letter of the *Times* correspondent from Souda, he mentions a report that there is a road from that place to the Salt Plain by which the caravans bring the blocks of salt. It seems to have escaped the attention of map makers, and the compilers of the official Blue Book, that this hint is borne out by the accounts of travellers. Neither Mr. Coffin in 1810, nor Don Alfonso Mendez in 1825, appear to have entered Abyssinia by the Fisico Pass. They both ascended a steep mountain they call Sounfa. This mountain is evidently farther north than Fisico, and farther south than the town of Sounfa—probably about half-way between the two. The pass is said to be as steep as that of Taranta, near Massowah, but not so difficult. From the top of this pass it will we judge be found that there are two roads, one bearing north to Souda, the other south-west to Antalo.

We have already alluded to the experience of Mr. Coffin in crossing the salt plain in the wet month of January. We now extract the account of Don Alfonso Mendez, the Jesuit, who crossed in the heat of June, 1825—

"The boundary between the kingdom of Dancali and Tigre is a plain, five days' journey in length, and one in breadth, which they call the country of salt; for there is found all that they use in Ethiopia instead of money, being bricks almost a span long and four fingers thick and broad, and wonderfully fine, white, and hard; and there never any miss of it, though they carry away never so much, and this quantity is so great that we met a caravan of it, where in we believed there could be no less than 600 beasts of burthen—camels, mules, and asses,—of which the camels carry 600 of these bricks, and the asses 140 or 150, and these continually going and coming. They tell many stories concerning this salt field—and, among the rest, that in some part of it there are houses that look like stone, in which they hear human voices, and of several other creatures, and that they call such as pass that way by their names, and yet nothing can be seen. The Moorish commander told me that as he went by there with a lion and a Cela Clinton sent to Mocha, three or four of his servants vanished of a sudden, and he could never hear of them afterwards. In one place there is a mount of red salt which is much used in physic. This is to be passed over by night, because the heat is so violent in the day that travellers and beasts are stifled, and the very shoes are parched up as if they had been on burning coals. We entered upon it at three in the afternoon, and it pleased God that the sun clouded, which the regiments Moors attributed to his prayers. We travelled all the night to get over the salt Hill, only resting three hours whilst the camels' burdens were set down and loaded again, and on the 11th of June, in the morning, came to a place of stones where they told us the salt was at an end."

The story of the Moorish commander about his servants vanishing is in keeping with what Mr. LeFebvre heard of Fisico of a deep lake in some parts being underneath a thin crust of salt. The heat of the salt explains the use of the cool sandals of palm leaves which Mr. Coffin wore, but which it appears the Jesuit did not know about.

Mr. Seward has engaged Mr. George Bowis, of Boston, well known as a writer on international law, to edit the unpublished State papers relating to the Alabama and other claims on England.

THE "PECULIAR PEOPLE."

On Friday, Mr. Payne held an inquiry at the Crown Tavern, Blackfriars Road, touching the death of Louis Wagstaffe, fourteen months old. The deceased was the daughter of "two saints" of the faith called the "Peculiar People." Though a girl, she was named Louis, after a saint of the Church. Mrs. Fanny Adley, No. 16 Princes Street, Blackfriars Road, said that she was a widow, and was one of the "Peculiar People." The deceased was the daughter of Thomas Wagstaffe, a wharf labourer, and Mary Andrews, his wife. The child was always delicate, and it suffered from a cough. The elders of the church were called together, and they anointed the child. The ceremony gone through was the pouring of oil out of a phial on to the child's chest. They prayed to the Lord to heal the child and raise it up again. Witness did not suggest the calling in of a doctor, because when she was herself laid low the Lord of All raised her up again. The reason they did not call in a doctor was that Scripture said, "Cursed is the man that trusteth in man;" and also "Trust not in an arm of flesh." A juror—Did not Jesus speak of calling in physicians to the sick? Witness—In what part of Holy Writ do you find that? The juror confessed he did not know; but he asked the witness, "If your leg was broken, would you call in a doctor, or would you merely pray to the Lord to get it mended?" Witness—The Lord says, "Not a bone of the righteous shall be broken." Dr. Thomas Donahoe, 19 Westminster Bridge Road, said that the parents called upon him for a burial certificate after the child was dead, and of course he refused to give it. He had since, by the coroner's order, made a post-mortem examination. He found that death had resulted from inflammation of the lungs. The disease had been going on for ten days. If medical aid had been called in, the child would have had a fair chance of recovery. Brandy and water was highly improper; it would aggravate the disease. Thomas Wagstaffe, the child's father, was then asked for an explanation of his conduct in not getting medical aid for his child. He said, "The reason is, I gave my heart to the Lord six years ago, and I believe that God is of my body. Now, I believe that when I am laid low the Lord will raise me up. Six years ago I believed as the people of the world do. One of the elders of the church will address you upon this." The coroner said the deceased child had lost its life through the fault of the parents in not procuring necessary medical aid, and the offence amounted in law to manslaughter. Elders might leave their own lives to the care of the Lord if they liked, but the lives of children should not be played with. He liked their notion of trusting in the Lord, but in this case they had gone too far. The jury, after a short consultation, returned a verdict of "Manslaughter against Thomas Wagstaffe, and Mary Andrews Wagstaffe." The coroner said he would take bail for the appearance of the accused at the Central Criminal Court. He fixed the amount of £30 for Wagstaffe and his wife, and two sureties of £20 each. Two members of the sect, but manufacturers, became sureties. An elder said that in Essex, where they had numbers of these cases, Mr. Codd, the coroner, after consulting with the recorder, decided that when they sincerely believed in the Lord, it was not manslaughter. The coroner said that he was of a different opinion, and that he would send the parties to Newgate in future cases, for children's lives should be protected. The age for miracles was past, and they would find, though the gates opened for Paul and Silas, the gates would not open for them when they were in prison. The elder remarked that "a saint killed a great many people." The saint gained a victory over the people of the world at the end of the case. When they had signed the bail bonds they refused to pay the usual fees, and as the bonds were signed and accepted, there was no way of compelling them to hand over the money.

They again surrendered to take their trial at the Old Bailey, London, on Wednesday for manslaughter. Mr. Maitland prosecuted. The prisoners were undefended by counsel. The offence imputed to the prisoners was that, while their child was suffering from an attack of inflammation of the lungs, all that was done was to anoint the child, and call in the elders of the "peculiar people" to pray to God for its recovery.

Mr. Justice Wiles expressed his opinion at the outset that the facts would not support a charge of manslaughter. The only offence imputed to the defendants appeared to be that they had not called in a medical man, but, according to his evidence, even if he had been called in the same result would have been arrived at. He said, however, that probably the better course would be to hear the evidence.

The facts were accordingly gone into. It appeared that the child in question had been sickly from its birth, and it was attacked by inflammation of the lungs and died of that malady. No medical man was called in, but all that was done was to anoint the child and to pray for the restoration of the child.

A witness named Fanny Adley, one of the sect of "peculiar people," stated, in answer to questions put by the learned judge, that the members of the church did not think it was sin to call in a doctor, but, since, they had come to trust in God, the Lord they had entire faith in God. She had herself (she said) suffered severely from serious illness, and had never called in a doctor, but had placed faith in God, and she had always recovered.

Mr. Justice Wiles (to the witness)—Then you think it is a superiority to call in a doctor. You believe God will answer your prayers, and that he will heal the patient without the assistance of a doctor?

Witness—That is our belief. We have seen so many cases where a recovery has taken place that we have entire faith. We consider that it is all very well for those who have no faith to call in a doctor.

Mr. O'Donoghue, the medical gentleman who had been called in, said that he had discovered upon a post-mortem examination that the child died from acute inflammation of the lungs, and he expressed an opinion that the symptoms must have been very trying, and that if a medical man had been called in the child's life would probably have been saved.

Mr. Justice Wiles summed up the case at considerable length, and he observed that the medical profession differed very much as to the treatment of young children's diseases, and the sole question for them was whether the prisoners had caused the death of the child by gross and culpable negligence.

The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty, but at the same time censured the prisoners for having called in medical advice.

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(Singapore Free Press, May 9.)

We referred briefly, several days ago, to a new work published by Messrs. A. Shortrede & Co., of Hongkong, entitled "The Treaty Ports of China and Japan." But it

would be utterly impossible, in a condensed notice of such a work, to give an adequate idea of its contents. The historical events of interest from the foundation of the settlement of Hongkong, are perhaps too much condensed into a general summary; but the most important feature in the history, but the most complete work of its kind ever issued. The Appendix may be termed the China Bradshaw, and the text, with interesting papers—historical, botanical, and descriptive. The maps and plans are useful illustrations of the geographical position of the treaty ports, and a valuable assistance both to travellers and residents.

(N. C. Daily News, May 16.)

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Report of North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

March 1867.

Two periodicals which are likely to be of great service have also been commenced; one is published at Foochow and is called "The Foochow Advertiser," to which a copy of "Notes and Queries," this publication will be readily available, it contains much matter relating to China which otherwise would be lost, and it is well executed. Sinologists, Chinese antiquaries and scientific men ought especially to congratulate themselves on the appearance of "Notes and Queries," as it will form a medium of communication for persons interested in Chinese Philology, Geography or History. These indications of literary activity are perhaps the most important sign of the times. We have been found to support this view, for they are well known and afford a great deal of information to the general public, and to the foreign community in

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(Foochow Missionary Recorder, April 1867.)

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(Shanghai Recorder, May 17, 1867.)

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